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# H. CON. RES. 69

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the establishment of waivers in State medical-licensing laws regarding the provision of health care to indigent individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 1997

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. HILLEARY, and Mr. TANNER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the establishment of waivers in State medical-licensing laws regarding the provision of health care to indigent individuals.

Whereas a number of volunteer organizations operate programs to provide health care to indigent individuals without imposing any charges on the individuals;

Whereas the physicians who participate in such programs perform an important service by providing health care to a segment of the population that otherwise might not receive such care;

Whereas a physician who is willing to participate in such a program, although licensed by one or more States, may

be prohibited from participating in the program by reason of not being licensed in the State in which the program needs the physician to provide services;

Whereas, in most States, the laws regulating the practice of medicine do not provide for the granting, to a physician who is not licensed in the State, of a waiver that authorizes the physician to provide health care to indigent individuals in the State; and

Whereas the State of Tennessee has enacted legislation that provides for such waivers: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that each  
 3 State should enact legislation that provides for the grant-  
 4 ing, to a physician who is not licensed to practice medicine  
 5 in the State, of a waiver from the applicable licensing laws  
 6 of the State in order to authorize the physician to provide  
 7 health care to indigent individuals in the State, subject  
 8 to the physician not imposing any charge for such care.

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